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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I feel certain that this is simply another "tax" that will be used in an inappropriate manner. I AM a rural phone customer and I have not seen the government doing anything to improve my ability to make phone calls. Primarily, that is because in 2002, the ability to make calls anywhere is fully optimized. If the rural phone lines are not in order, it makes even more sense to make cellular calling an affordable option. I am a voting tax payer and I am strongly opposed to any increase in our taxes for an issue that is not urgent.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members